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Letter dated 30 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of the Declaration of the European Community and its member States on the Middle East, issued on 29 July 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Robert J. VAN SCHAIK
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Declaration on the Middle East, issued by the European Community on 29 July 1991

The Community and its member States reviewed the present developments in the peace process. They noted with satisfaction the emerging consensus on the current initiative, launched by the United States of America, to convene a peace conference leading to the beginning of negotiations between the parties.

The Community and its member States welcome the fact that a number of Arab countries have responded positively to the call in the London summit declaration of the Group of Seven by offering a suspension of the Arab boycott in return for a freeze by Israel of its settlement policy. They stress how important it is that this positive gesture be reciprocated.

They stress again the importance of overcoming final difficulties, including the question of Palestinian representation, so that a conference, to which they will make their full contribution as a participant, may now be convened shortly. They are convinced that, with the necessary political will and courage of the parties concerned, a solution to those difficulties can be found.